

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A recording medium reproduction apparatus for reproducing a recording medium in which recorded data and recording medium side reproduction restriction information for restricting reproduction of the recorded data is recorded,

said recording medium reproduction apparatus comprising:
recording means in which apparatus side reproduction restriction information related to recording medium side reproduction restriction information is recorded;

10 information reading means which reads the apparatus side reproduction restriction information recorded in said recording means and also reads the recording medium side reproduction restriction information from the recording medium before reproducing the recorded data from the recording medium;

15 comparing means which compares the apparatus side reproduction restriction information with the recording medium side reproduction restriction information each read from said information reading means;

20 determination means which determines whether reproduction of the recorded data is to be allowed or not based on the comparison result of said comparing means: and

25 control means which stops reproduction of the recorded data and outputs and displays the recording medium side reproduction restriction information when said determination means determines that the reproduction of the recorded data

is not allowed.

2. The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

5 the recording medium side reproduction restriction information is a region code.

3. A recording medium reproduction apparatus for reproducing a recording medium in which recorded data and recording medium side reproduction restriction information for restricting reproduction of the recorded data is recorded,

10 said recording medium reproduction apparatus comprising:
recording member in which apparatus side reproduction restriction information related to recording medium side reproduction restriction information is recorded;

15 information reading member which reads the apparatus side reproduction restriction information recorded in said recording member and also reads the recording medium side reproduction restriction information from the recording medium before
20 reproducing the recorded data from the recording medium;

comparing member which compares the apparatus side reproduction restriction information with the recording medium side reproduction restriction information each read from said information reading member;

25 determination member which determines whether

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